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BENJAMIN DORE

From a daguerreotype taken in San Francisco  
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# The Journal of Benjamin Dore

## One of the Argonauts

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### INTRODUCTION

Mr. Harry E. Dore, of Berkeley, California, has kindly permitted the publication of extracts from an interesting journal of his father, Benjamin Dore, who came to California from Bangor, Maine, in the bark "Cantero," in 1850. Benjamin Dore's journal, besides presenting an intimate and detailed account of the trip around the Horn, contains a narrative of the first voyage by steamboat into Humboldt Bay and records incidents of the early fifties at Portland, Fort Vancouver, San Francisco, Napa, Sacramento and the mines. The journal is written in ink in a small hand on the first 104 pages of a board-covered, small quarto notebook of 146 pages. There are several sketches and decorations.

The following account of the life of Benjamin Dore is quoted from the **History of the Dore Family**,<sup>1</sup> pp 9-11:

Benjamin Dore [born July 7, 1825 in Athens, Maine] was the second child and the eldest son of John Dore. When he was three years old his mother [Sally Wing Dore] died, and he was placed in the care of his aunt, Sally Hathern, who lived in Solon, Maine. When his father remarried, he was taken to Harmony [Maine] with the family, where he worked on the farm until he was nineteen years of age. He was then apprenticed to a carpenter to learn the trade. A year and a half later, he went to Bangor, where he continued his work as a carpenter.

In 1849, he became interested in the discoveries of wealth in California. He became one of a company of fifty-six men who bought a bark, the Cantero, in which they sailed for San Francisco with a cargo of lumber. On the voyage two stops were made of one week each. The first was St. Catherine on the coast of Brazil, the second at Valparaiso. They rounded Cape Horn, and after a voyage of six months arrived in San Francisco April 29, 1850.

The vessel and its cargo being disposed of, the company disbanded. Benjamin Dore then followed his trade in San Francisco for some months. He then went to Vancouver, Washington, where he worked upon the government barracks. Later he went to Portland, Oregon, where he helped reconstruct the sailing vessel Willamette. It

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<sup>1</sup>—Dore, [Harry E. and] Walter H., **History of the Dore Family** [San Francisco: C. A. Murdock, 1908] 80, 27pp.

was changed into a side-wheel steamer, and was the first steamboat to ply between Portland and Astoria. After finishing his work in Portland he returned to San Francisco.

In 1853 he entered the lumber business, which he successfully pursued for eleven years. In 1854 he married Jane Amanda Hall, daughter of Elijah Dewey Waters of Bennington, Vermont, and widow of Hiland H. Hall, Jr. They have had four children, of whom three are now living.

The resources of San Francisco in the early days were taxed to their utmost to deal with the large criminal element which thrived in its midst. The young municipal government was entirely inadequate to meet the emergency and the condition grew steadily worse. When it finally became almost intolerable a number of prominent citizens formed an organization known as the Vigilance Committee, which had for its object the establishment and maintenance of law and order. By means of a few wholesome examples of uncompromising justice, this organization succeeded in ridding San Francisco of its terrible curse. Benjamin Dore was an active member of the Vigilance Committee, and afterwards of the political party which followed up the committee's work with a most successful fight for good government.

In 1861 he was elected to the California State Legislature, where he served two terms. In 1865 he was Sergeant-at-Arms of the Assembly. In 1864 he became interested in mining. He continued in this work for sixteen years, to his heavy financial loss, however. He engaged in the printing business from 1873 to 1883. Both of his sons were associated with him in this work and remained printers for a number of years.

In 1883 he went to Fresno, California, and settled in West Park Colony. He was the first settler, ploughing the first furrow and building the first house in that district. After several years he took his wife and daughter to Fresno. Here his wife died in 1889 after an illness of two years.

Early in the year 1906 Benjamin Dore's health began to fail, and by August it became apparent to those about him that he was not to remain long. He passed away on the morning of September 30th at his Fresno home. The funeral services were held in San Francisco by Excelsior Lodge, No. 166, F. & A. M., of which he was a charter member.

Benjamin Dore's eldest son, Harry E. Dore, was born and raised in San Francisco. He learned the printing business in his father's office. In 1881 he was married to Anita Estelle Harrington. When Benjamin Dore left San Francisco his son went to Portland, Oregon, where he bought a printing-office. He was engaged in business there for twelve years. He then moved to Fresno, where he became associated with the **Fresno Republican**. In 1902 he left the printing business and has since been interested in paper. He is now [1908] connected with the Pacific Coast Paper Company of San Francisco. His residence is in Berkeley. His son, Walter H. Dore, graduated from the University of California in 1907. He is engaged in practical work in analytical chemistry. He lives with his father at Berkeley.



Frank E. Dore, the second son of Benjamin Dore, was born and raised in San Francisco. Like his brother, he learned the printer's trade in his father's office, and continued in that line of work. He was married in 1880 to Louise Vandor, of San Francisco. He worked in San Francisco for a number of years. He was with his brother in Portland for a time, but again returned to San Francisco, where he remained until a few years ago. As the printing business and the San Francisco climate disagreed with his health, he left them both and went to Fresno, where he has since lived. He is at present clerk of the Fresno Police Department.

Benjamin Dore's only daughter is Alice A. Dore. She was born and raised in San Francisco. She was educated in the public schools of San Francisco and graduated from the Girls' High School. She lived with her father in Fresno from 1888 until the time of his death. Since then she has lived with her brother, Harry E. Dore, in Berkeley.

Dore's journal is of more historical importance than its naiveté might at first lead one to expect. Incidents of a unique period struck the sensitive young voyager with peculiar effect, and he recorded what more experienced travelers would have left unnoted. Dore had less than a month of schooling in each year during his life on the farm in Maine, and his spelling and diction reflect in an unstudied way the true dialect of the "Down East" farmer-boys, so many of whom became leaders in the West. The orthography of the journal has accordingly been accurately preserved.

The voyage of the "Cantero" appears to be unrecorded in the annals of the California Argonauts.

Charles L. Camp.



## A JOURNAL OF VOIGE TO CALIFORNIA ON BOARD THE BARK CANTERO

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Nov 1 18,49,, at 11, A M I shook hands with my friends on the wharf in Bangor, and went on Board, there waited until  $\frac{1}{2}$  past one P M, Do ["Ditto," i. e., the same date] wade anchor and cheered our friends that was on the wharf which was returned from them and started down the river towed down by the tow boat Taritine of Bangor to sandy point opisite of Prospect and droped anchor at twenty minutes of five several of our friends went down river with us and returned back in the boat.

Friday Nov 2 afaire wind from the north and cloudy A M the Capt, went to Buxport, to procure a chart P M returned, several of us went ashore in prospect and stoped an hour or two and then returned towards knight . . .

Sunday 4 a good breeze from the N W, and pleasant at 9 A M, pilot came on board Do wade anchor and started down the bay through the left hand Chanel at 12, made eagle Island & Isle of holt Do discharged pilot and put out to sea towards [evening] several began to be seasick out of 83, I should thinck two thirds was sick for one I was quite sick our Company was Composed of 56 pasengers 26, 82 in all

Monday 5, out of sight of land for the first time light winds from the N E, and Clowdy most all sick to day s[aw] 2 vessils and a school of black fish, Lat 42,50, North, Lon 67, 31,

Nov 6, moderate winds from the N E, and pleasant Cours S E, made but a little progress this day saw 2 vissels to day quite sea sick to day John Hunt was quite lively and cheered up the sick ones for one I began to wish I had stade at home, for I felt much wors than I expected to, friend Marston & Joel Richardson is much worse than I am but I am in hopes to be better in a day or two, in Lat 42,4, Lon, 66,7 . . .

Nove 9 . . . Mr lander remarked thad the vessil was drunk for he gave us a drinck of cider the day before I began to think it was for she danced upon the waves finely Several lost

their hats overboard which caused all hands to shout and laaugh . . .

Saturday Nov 10, a strong wind from the E N E and squally the wind in creacind and the seas rolling mountains high all hand sick again for one I was glad to lay in my birth and I began to feel a little home sick for the wind was driveing us N E, at 3 P M, furled the main sail and Close reefed the top sailes at 5 Do furled the fore sail at 12 midnight more moderate set alittle more sail but Continues blowing hard and rainy in Lat 42,5, North Lon 62, 55, West

Sunday 11 I went on deck about 4 oclock the storm had abated the wind about south I had a talk with S B Marston he was and had bin very sick in deed much wors than my silf he said if he lived until he got to california he would not be caught out again Joel Richardson was very sick he said he had never bin so sick be fore about ten A M a ship was discovered by Mr Mayo it seeme to be an inglish ship it cheered us up alittle to think we had a few neighbours on the big pond as some of the boys term it Lat 42, 27, Lon, 62, 18

Monday 12 the wind had chenged into the north I began to feel quite encouraged I went on deck quite early and found the boys in good sperits again Some of then was quite sick yet I had not but alittle strength myself and could eat but little I thought if I could go on shore a few days I should feel at home for I did not like to be cooped up in a vessel however I thought it best to look ahead for nothing venture nothing have Lat 42, 13, Lon 63, 31 . . .

Wednesday 28 Lat, 31, 47 Lon, 39, 33, we had got into the trade winds with a good breexe apig was killed for thanksgving and we all had an invittation to a masquerade ball on board the bark Cantero on thursday evening

thursday 29 thanksgiving day very pleasant day all hands cheerful and the day passed off in good shape for Dinner bakeed pig & potatoes boiled duf with raisnes in it warm bread and butter for supper soft tack and cranberysauce doe nuts and cheese &c, in the evening old neptune and his family came on board & was introduced to the baskegin jiant attended the ball danced &c the[n] all hands was called on to make aspeech or give atoast or sing asong or tell astory which kept us up until 12 oclock in Lat 39, 00, Lon 39, 51, . . .



Wednesday 5 Clear and pleasant wind s, e, by e, saw aplenty of flying fish Saw 1 ship to the east passed us at 10 Some times for amusements we would have Some one tried for some crime the first was S D Brastow for fighting with Philbrok he was proved clear and acquitted it made considerable sport as we had nothing to do and wanted something to take up our time we would have it caried on in very good shape we would choose a justice two lawyers sherrief, &c, Lat 12, 48, Lon 26, 9 . . .

Tuesday 11 at 10, A, M, s[aw] a school of purepuses the water semed to be covered for miles it was quite interesting to see them playing around our vessel. Mr. Crocker the mate seeing them ran over the bow and threw aharpoon into one of them and by the assistunce of several others he was taken on board the bark which caused quite an excitement for one I enjoyed it much for it was Something new to us all after he was taken on bord the mate cut his throat and the blood ran freely he was soon desected and I had apiece of his liver fried for Supper he was 8 feet long and probly weighed from 3,50 to 400, lbs. in Lat S, 00, 55. . . .

Monday,, 17,, in, Lat, 12, 46, afine day all well quite an excitement in the P M we have one man in our bark that is thought to be posessed of evil Spërits to be a wizzard and perform many wonderful tricks with cards, & c his name is John Nelson he would act very misterious at times he pretendid to loose abook and said s[ome]one had it and if it was not brought forward he would take apack of cards and find it he took the cards shoffuled them and said over some unknown words to them looked them over and discribed the man that had it, it being an old man about fifty, his name was Roundy which made the old man stare he look[ed] and behold it was in his vest pocket the said nelson charged him with steeling the book uncle Roundy declared he did not and how it came there he knew not but he fully believed thet nelson had power to put it there by some unknown hand for he fully believed him to be a perfect wizzard and have dealings with [the] devil for the book contain[ed] many caracters and misterys that has never yet bin known to man however they had him tried before Judge F Stephens at thre P M, this Judge brought in that he Should be shot by the mate of the bark at sun down which made uncle roundy look very solumn he gave in his testamony against him with sad countanace and

said if they did shoot him they would never git any farther for his Spirit would follow and be the means of distroying the bark however before the time arived he was told that they had bin making a fool of him and it was all a hoax but it was some [time] before he would believe it to end the mater he told them he under stood it all the time I pityed the old man and was sory to think they should take the silly old man for a subject to make Sport of . . .

Wednesday 26, pleasant astrong wind from the south at nine took in the studen sailes rial sail and galansailes at 2 P M, wind died away and the sailes was sot again in Lat, 27, Lon, 46, 30, the boys began to look for land as it has bin some time since we have seen it some of the boys are play [ing] cards s[ome] play checkers others mending clothes while others are reading and writing to there friends and others fixing up to go ashore some up most all knight looking for land,

thursday, 27, the first I heard was land a,ho which cheered the hearts of all hands Some ran aloft while others went on to the focastle deck with their eyes agazeing uppon the new world as it seemed at 9 we could see it quite plain the capt was quite lucky in hiting the port in the morning the wind breezed up from the land until 10 at 11 it chenged into the north east 12 saw 2 barks in sight one off our larbourd bow it went in ahead of us about one hour sail it proved to be the bark Glengoe from Bangor 46 days passage bound for california the other sail was the bark dominga from provedence R, I, 45 days passage at 3 p, m came along side and gave 3 hearty cheers for which we were happy to return she passed us and got into port about 2 miles ahead she was bound fr californea with 1,10 pasing[ers] she sailed faster than we did because she was light loaded & draws about eight and ahalf while we draw from fourteen to fifteen feet however I think we done very well considering as we had ahead wind and bad weather the first three weeks we arived in port and came to anchor about sunset as we passed the glencoe she gave us three good cheers which we were hapy to answer while passing up the bay we saw several little huts where the natives live nere the shore at the foot of the mountains the Island of st catherine was on our left hand and the mane land on our right it is very un even nothing but hills mountains and val- lies covered with a short shrub we dad [had] not bin in port



above an hour before about load of yankeys came on board to see us and in an hour more another boat load came aboard it seemed very pleasant to me to see so many yankeys so far from home there is about 12 vessels in this port I am told and all yankeys but one or two and bound for californa

Friday 28 as we lay at anchor opposite the fort about one mile off we could see the stars and stripes waving in the wind on the americans vessels, it was a beautiful scene but on the other hand it is not so pleasant the fort looked old and ancient the houses are built close on shore rather an indolent class of people the goveerener came along side this morning and told our capt that we could not go ashore for six days as it was queritene at nine the capt of the Glencoe came to see us and brought us a paper of our clearance which we were happy to read Several of the natives came along side with (with) milk mellons penaners pine apples &c, I bought a quart of milk and eat for my break fast which I relished very well at 11 my self and several others took a sail around the harbour untill 1 P M, in the evening a number of us visited three of the vessels 1 Bark ninus from boston from there to the ark abrig from Newbryport [on] which we were happily received and I enjoyed my self very well 2 of them left with us and went on board the Bark Dominga newbryport there we had a happy meeting they took us down below & passed round a glass of wine and we were all as one felt perfectly at home and well acquainted the same as brothers two of them left with us and we then went on shore all though we were not allowed to we were in a house where we found several of the boys that was right on hand we sailed around until 11 in the evening for the moon shone bright and was a lovely evening

Saturday, 29, we visited several vessels our capt went ashore and saw the old Cometant that is the governor and made him a few small presents as it is quite customary here for the capt, to do in order to get apart of the quarentine before it is out he told our capt that we all might go on shore the next day and our capt ain w[i]th four could go and get some water then in the evening 2 boat loads of us went on shore with the musick called to an englishmans house and stoped a few moments from there we marched about 1 mile down the shore to a place called the widows where found sever[al] boats crews dancing and running around on the beach about thirty

of us went in and had several dances with the others crews, until 10, we were very well treated and enjoyed our selves well it was a place for refreshments and mareners home returned to our vessil at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 10,

Sunday 30, very pleasant all went ashore except enough to take care of the ship Mr Marston and myself started off to gether to go back over the hills to se apart of the country but we found [it] hard climeing the mountains after along time we arived to the tope of one of the hills there we could see asmall plantation down on the side we went down and found afew benaners groing & caster oil beans & orange trees & lemonds, and from there alittle above we found asmall field of corn about right to roast and by the side of it another piece of young corn about six inches high so they can rais it the year round we concluded it was not best to go any father as the roads was poor and the mountains back of us still higher about 11 we started for the shore as all of the principle houses were on the shore after about 3 hours travel down over rocks & gulies we came out to a house both hungry and tired we ment [went] in and got six eggs and had them boiled and afew ears of corn, roasted that we plucked back long with adipper of water and alittle salt we made out quite a dinner the man of the house appeared to do the most of the work in the house we gave them afew presents such as a hankerchief shaveing soap pocket combs &c I thought we had given them more than enough to pay for the eggs however we concluded to ask for there bill which was thirty cents We paid him and concluded we should not call on him again any how we left there and went down below afew rods and ther saw a negro fandango about twelve dressed in white with feathers in there caps & looked more like the devil than any thing elts and dancing and singing &c, they would go from one place to another and go through with all sorts of maneuvering as they do not pay much regard for religeon it is areguler holly day for them, we walked along the shore and saw many things to interest us, the roads was very bad indeed no carriages attall some ride horese back but the most go on foot for it is very hilly and rocky they build their houses of stone and mud and then plastered others of small poles filled in with mud and gravel supported with apost in the cornes the roof is poles laid on and then covered with tiles burnt of clay the same as brick onely diferent shape the



common class of people have no glass in their houses a small gate for a door no floors except one room and quite often none at all some have blinds or sheters to their windows every thing grows spontaneously such as pine apples oranges lemons figs grapes peaches figs bananers water melons onions sweet potatoes rice coffee corn cucumbers potatoes &c, with but little cultivation they live very easy but a very little intelligence or enterprise about them a man that is worth four or five thousand dollars is thought to be very rich the most of the rich ones have slaves to work for them all most one half of [the] people is blacks, they sell a great deal of their stuff to the vessels that come in to get wood and water and they take the advantage of them when there is a number in port at this time there is fourteen American vessels in to get wood and water and the yankeys are on the shore (as) ranging about as thick as you please at sunset was the time appointed (time) to meet on the shore to return on board again we were on hand and for one I was both tired and hungry after supper I finished writing some letters to send home to my friends at one I was ready to retire and had a good nap until sun rise

Monday 31 apart of our crew commenced filling up our casks of water as it did not come my turn until the next day about ten or twelve of us went on shore and traveled about all day for we had been cooped up in our vessel so long we could not content our selves to stay on board we took some music with us and enjoyed our selves very well it was a pleasant day and very warm I purchased a few articles to take out to sea with me such as honey water mellons p[i]ne apples pea nuts raisens &c

Tuesday January 1 18,50 it came my turn to help fill the rest of the water casks we went to work quite early at 11 A, m, all filled, at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 3 p, m, eight with my self hired two men to take a sailboat and carry us up to the city about 10, miles for seventy five cents apiece arrived in the city at 6, p, m we put up to a tavern called the german house we were used first rate the land lady could talk some english and kept a very good house for that place but it was not like being in our country for they live quite different we had chickens fresh beef fried eggs and the best coffee I ever drank we traveled around the city visited the barracks where there was 2 or 3, hundred soldiers in the evening they had a grand ball probably one hundred couple and the band to play for them the

soldiers were very fond of bageing if any yankeys come around they will seround him and want him to present money or cigars or what they call veno that is wine I did not understand there game at first so I gave them one domp as, they call it that is 2,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cents after that I would not give them any more finding out that it was there principle to bage of every one they could we walkeed from place to place until 10, we got back again and retired to rest I was waked in the knight by the singing and holering of the yankeys for there was agreat many of them in the city the nixt morning

Wednesday 2 I arose quite early and walked out in to the Square and went in to several stores and by chance I went in to astore kept by a man from the state of verginia he said he had bin in this city about 18, years I had quite a chat with him I enquired about the country &c, he told me that he did not like the country so well as the states on the account of business all though it is very healthy but I should suppose there is more business don in Bangore in one day than here in one month, he told me there was but one paper printed in the place and that very small they get apaper from rio, about once amonth his business was to by and sel he kept flower it was brought from the states I believe the price ten dollars per, bbl, &c, at eight I returned to breakfast after eating quite harty we all traveled from one end of the city to the other first we came to the square serounded with building of various kinds such as stores on one side and dwelling houses alarge church in front and the gaol on the other side to the lower end of the square was filed with market folks such as negro wimen with a tray or board about 3 feet long on there heads with nuts cakes candies &c, to sell other[s] with milk to sell perhaps  $\frac{1}{2}$  of them would be laying down asleep I thought that it was the last market that ever I was in (meet market) all in boats on the shore but afew rods off went up to the gaol ant [and] went all through it Saw all of the priseners one lady was put in for lif for getting afellow to murder her husband so she could mary him and the both was put in during life from there I went in to a church which [was] very splendid the vergen mary on the right and a burning lamp on the left and slendid images in front with agreat many candles to light them up the buildings are stone plastered out side & in, with consider[able] skill and inginuity forming moldings and arcitectureal orders, the



streets are very narrow and not a carriage to be seen a few horse[s] to cary loads on there backs a few macanics mostly blacks, wages very low and victuals forty cents a beal [meal] I should suppose nearly  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the people was blacks in the city a man that is worth four or five thousand dolars is thought to be very rich at sunset we all started for our vessil again arived at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 11,

Thursday 3 at 10, wade anchor and started out to sea again the wind ahead and had to beat out of the harbour made but litle head way the first day the Brig Glencoe New york started about two hours ahead of us the bark Glencoe Elsworth Me intendid to start the same day six vessels started the day before for california we all hands bought alot of green stough to take with us such as mellons pine apples oranges and wine, &c, of the natives that came along side with there boats the first and last breakfast I eat in port was milk which was very good

Friday the 4 clowdy in the morning wind nort makeing about a south coarse a good [wind] cleared of at ten pleasant until 6, p, m, came up ashower and the wind chenged in to the west rainy through the knight nothing to do but eat melons and talk about the natives I com-menced for the second time to wate on the table to day for we all take turnes about six on aside to wate on the rest once aweek and it comes my turn once in six weeks . . .

Saturday 12, a very heavy wind S, W, at 7 a m wind increasing and seas makeing fast at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 7, took in some of the sailes at 8 the main wether tack gave way but no one hurt the main sail was then halled up and  $\frac{1}{2}$ 8, the main & fore top sailes was close reafed and the wind still increasing at nine rin up the mane spencer and took in the mizen spanker haveing ahead wind and beating against the wind it would make the Cantero jump and rare some times for a few hours at 4 p m the wind began to decreas a little but the waves still ran hie She did not ship any seas but throw some spray and sprinkle us alittle some times it mad several of our company sick I was alittle my self at 8 I started from the stern of the vessil [to] go to bed going from the Cabin to the main hatch I found several of the boys standing along the walk ready to put every one through that came along, as they called it I got in before I knew what they was up to I received ablow from first one & then another until I

reached the galey when I got through I had forgot that I was sea sick so I joined with them and helped put the rest through for exersize and drive away dull care at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past nine we had about  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the company there was somesport in [putting] those through that said they would not be put through it was the best thing we could do to drive away seasickness be cause it excited the mind at 10, iwent to bed and slept well, Lat, 40;27 . . .

Wednesday 16 the sail still in sight at 7 tacked ship and heading about west the wind about, S, E, the ship stand about South at 9 a.m, came near enough to speak her it being the Richmond of Boston it was in St Catherines when we left came out next day 1,75 pasengers 3 ladies when we came about up to him he tacked ship and came along side and spoke all well but two his cronomiter had got out of order and lost his reckening Capt Sanders gave him his reckening and he regerlated it from his they talked to gether afew moments and kep along side for some time at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 9 they gave us 3 hearty cheers which was soon returned for 3 times John Hunt got up in to the riging and waved his hankerchief to them which they readerly returned which was soon folowed by 3 more cheers for the ladies at 10 they began to gain on us again . . .

A FEW LINES COMPOSED & SUNG ON THE BARK CANTERO  
COMPOSED BY MR CROCKER OF BUXPORT MAINE

Come all you yankeys farmers	
Come leave your plowe and hoe	
Ye tradesman and mechanacs	
And ore the ocean go	
Unto the land of Opher	Chorus, O, California
No longer now delay	the land is far away
Go seek a golden fortune	we are bound over the sea
In California	with hearts so free, to California

Come leave your northan regions  
Where nought but woman smiles  
Can hold you in all legience  
Amongst her baren wilds  
Whar from april till September  
Your sun illumes the day  
Whilst all is summer splendour  
In California



Come leave your fish and timber  
Your snow benighted lands  
And with us cross the ocean  
To seek that golden strands  
Whar amongst her ancient mountains  
Golconda seeks it way  
From many a golden fountain  
In California

Heed not your welthy mizer  
Who lives but for himself  
Who sees us home rturning  
As gentlemen of wealth  
Who jealous of our fortunes  
And feign would have us stay  
While he would fil his coffers  
In California

This land they feign would sel us  
And houses cheaply rent  
And then they would befriend us  
If wee,d but be content  
Our papers they,d acknowledge  
And give us time to pay  
If wee,d fore swear our visions  
Of California

How kind and condecending  
Ye men of cent for cent  
How pliable and bending  
How good is your intent  
We will repay your kindsman  
When years have passed away  
If god our hands should prosper  
In California

Farewell thow loved penobscot  
Where in our youthful pride  
So often have we sported  
Upon thy noble tide  
Where first our love was kindled  
And where it shall decay  
We,ll, send the many a blessing  
From California

Farewell our wives and sweethearts  
We leave you for awhile  
A few short years to tarry  
Should fortune on us smile  
Then when our locks are silvered  
We,ll not regret the day  
We crossed the foaming billows  
For California

. . . Thursday Jan 24, moderate winds from the N. W. and pleasant 2 sail in sight at 8 A M, middle part of the day Calm and quite warm for cape horn weather at 10 A M, the capt and several others fished awhile but did not catch any thing water about 60, fathoms deep sea fowl flying around quite plenty after supper it being quite pleasant and wanting alittle exersize we enjoyed our selves very well for awhile in dancing as Dr Bill Towl is one of the Be boys and is always on hand with his fiddle we had aright, down East, good time for a while, . . .

Sunday Jan 27, astrong wind from the S, W, at 7 A M, tacked Ship bore to the N W, Do, 3 sailes still in sight one a brig kept within 5 miles for 2 days the others appears to be whalers acrusing, it is quite chilly to day but not so cold as I expected to see it at cape horn themom-iter stood at 46, it is alittle squally & ahead wind at 10 A M, a whale was discovered off our larbourd beam spouting & blowing to no small rate he appeared to be makeing for the ship came along with in 20 feet of the stern of the ship throwing him self mostly out of water he dove under the stern and came up ahead and played around for an hour which attracted the attension of all hands to see a cape horn whale, at 12, the paupuses were playing around the bow of the ship they were much smaller than those I had seen before and white stripes on them Mr Crocker tried to spear one of them but did not succede, for when he got ready for them they made themselves scurce, at 5 P M tacked ship again bearing to the south the days are about 20, hours [long] sun 16½, rises at 4, sets at ½ past 8, Lat 56,28, Long,

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[Probably quoted]

Tis lone on the waters  
When eve,s, mournful bell  
Sends forth to the sunset  
A note of fare well

When the wing of the seabird,  
Is turned to her nest  
And the heart of the sailor  
To all he loves best

When borne with the shadows  
And winds as they sweep  
There comes a fond memory  
Of home oer the deep

Tis lone on the waters  
That hour hath a spell  
To bring back sweet voices  
And words of fare well

. . . Tuesday Jan 29, astrong wind from the south and rainy we are going along finely to day but it is alittle cool passed the horn about 10, this forenoon, at 7 P M,

discovered the Island of Diego a bout 20, miles to the north a small, Isa, S W, of the horn at 8 wore ship bore E, N, E, the wind blowing very hard and the bark dancing upon the waves like a bird at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 8 our larbourd davy was caried away that (that) our stern boat was attached to but no other damage done there was aman Just came out of the boat if he had bin five minutes later I think he would have gorn over board however it was fited up in afew moments and the boat made secure again Lat, 57,10, Long, 67,13,

Wednesday Jan 30, astrong wind from the W,S,W & squally heading about south our capt, was a little afraid to keep too near the land for fear of being blown ashore as the wind blows very hard from the W, and, S,W, which is astrong head wind at 10, A M, the albatros was flying around quite thick Some of the boys thought it would be fine sport to catch afew so they prepared some fishhooks and put on alittle meat and throw it over and they would fly around and light on the water to eat the bait not mistrusting the rokish boys 5 of them was caught in alittle while by their bill 2 of them not being hurt they let them go again the other 3 was killed and skined with the intention of stuffing there skins to cary home for a curiosity one of them masured 10, feet,  $7\frac{1}{2}$ , inches across the wings from one end to the other, P M, wind halled in to the North so we came on to our coarse again but at 9 chenged in to the West again which was dead a head and blowing us back again and squally all knight and the wind increasing fast which made the ship jump and roll and tumble about on the waves noways slow I could not sleep any for the knight for it was quite often I had to hold on to keep from rolling out of my birth about 12, midnight there was some smoke of matches smelt and seen between decks which caused quite an excitement to find where it came from some was looking in there chests and others in there births &c, it finely came from the cabbin by abunch of matches catching but no damage done the themometer stood at 42, Lat 57,79, Long 66, 33

Thursday Jan 31, the wind blowing like ahericane all day from the West at 10, a,m sent down the top galent yards heading to the south and the waves the largest I have ever seen and wery squally uncle Roundy thought it was because the birds was caught the day before it was along and lonesome day and quite discuriageing for the wind was



blowing us back quite fast probably 50, miles back of the horn at 9 P.M, wore ship again bore to the N W, and abated alittle Lat 57,50, Long 65,53 . . .

Monday Feb 4, 18,50 comences with moderate winds from the N W, and pleasant at 10, A.M, discovered 3 sailes at 11, a m about calm at, 2, P.M, a good breeze from the N W course S.W, at 3 discovered a sail ahead of us comeing towards us came with in 3 miles of us and tacked ship at 6 we overtook her and passed her after speaking to her it was the Goldhunter of and from Fall River 96, days out bound to California, in Longitude 72,25, Lat 58,43 at 10 p,m a gale . . .

Friday 8, a strong wind from the W S W and squally standing N W, going along finely to day a heavy sea to day, we are to day fairely around the cape 2 weeks forom the Island of staten land and all in good sperits Lat 56,15, Long 76, 38, . . .

Sunday 10, a strong wind from S W, and hazy at 2 A M, tacked [s]hip stood to the, N,N,W, at 5 P M, spoke the Bark Teal of and from St Johns, New Brunswick bound to Sanfranciscoe 44, days from St Catherines 6 days longer than we had bin out of the Same port . . .

Sunday Feb 17, a fine pleasant day a light breeze from the west all most calm and warm and all hands in good sperits siting around on deck reading, not much to attract there attention getting along quietly and pleasantly some talking about what they will do in the next port while others are conversing about there friends at home a great many remarks has been made in relation to comeing around the cape some remarked that they would stay in california along time before they would go home around the cape again but I think the most of them would if they could not get back any other way although it is not a very pleasant passage but no worse than I expected for the time passes off very fast the wrst trouble is we do not have exersize enough but by going with out my Supper once in while I get along quite comfortable Mr Springer and several others has bin quite slim with a cold but they begin to get bitter and probably will be well in a few days as we are going into warmer weather and if nothing hapens will be in fort [port] in a few days with the antcapation of seeing something new and getting on land once

more where we can get some good water to drink and tramp about on the shore, which puts me in mind of the pleasant days that I have spent in Main and am in hopes to return again if nothing hapens, . . .

Monday feb 18, alight breeze from the South with asmoth sea and glideing along bout 4 or 5 nots an hour and can hardly perceive the motion of the vessil all hands seems busi this Morning some mending cloths others mending boots and carpenters and black smiths tinkering around and the sailors to work on the riging every one busi about something washing clothes painting boats cleaning out water castks to fill in port &c, after supper the deck was cleared of and (and) Dr, bill got out his fiddle for the first time since we came round the horn and we had afew dances for exercise, 4 P M, wind halled in to the west & N w and braced up the yards 6, about calm, made but alittle way through the knight in Lat 38,38, Lon 75,30

Tuesday Febuary 19, alight breeze from the North and N W, and pleasant 8, A M, calm, at 10, alight breeze from the N W at, one P, M, made the Island Mocha at 4, off our starbourd beam distance of 25 miles it is about 7 miles long and 4 miles wide on the coast of chilly about 12, miles from mane land about 12 hundred feet high on the East side is agood chance to anchor and get wood and water and all kinds of vegitibles in abundance, at 2 p,m a com, meeting was held on the purpours of such business as mint be brought before the meeting the reports of bills was rede by the president and some business in regard to geting fresh supplies in port at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 3, meeting ajourned until Wednesday feb 20, at 2 p,m, at 5 P M, discovered maine land along the coast for(t) some ways 6, calm remained so through the knight and very pleasant, quite an excitement in the evening amongst the boys aboxing as the[y] had apeir of boxing gloves fited up for(t) them as it was something new for them and wanted alittle exersize . . .

Saturday Feb, 23, 18,50, P M fogy, with in 5 miles of valparaiso, made land at 1, in the knight and could not get in as we were becalmed, at 2 p m, droped anchor in the harbour with in one mile of the shore the Dr and consul came aboard at 2 P M found every thing in good shape, and all well, at 3, Do, a large number of us went ashore and traveled



around until sunset, we found a large No. of vessels, in port of most all nations one American steam ship and several wessels for California, one, the Bark, Daniel, Webster of and from Boston 1,50, days out, the Richmond left here yesterday, gained on us 8, days from, St Catherines, and the gold hunter of Bangor left here, 3 weeks ago several of the boys from the Daniel Webster came on board to see us and several from Maine, we had not bin here fifteen minutes bfore the natives came aboard with fruit to sell such as pears peaches and apples &c, most all kinds of fruit is ripe and very plenty the town is pleasantly situated and one of the best harbours Sunday we most all went on shore I traveled around from place to place until eleven A M, I attended the English Episcopal Church which was quite interestering & at 2 P M, I attended a funeral of an american from the state of Ohio a single man lived here 12, years age about forty his name was Herman Pickard, buried in the inglish and american grave yard, in very good shape, I visited the city grave yard which was very nice at the entrance very pretty tombs and trees such as Cedar that resembles those in, main and the weeping willow and many pritty trees bushes and flowers that I never saw before that was very buteful it was situated on ahill ashort distance from the seashore and walled in, at the lower end of the grave yard I saw alarg hole dug where the[y] throw the poor people in and [do] not bury them I saw several in [it] and but alittle dirt on them hardly enough to cover them I thought it rather a hard case that people could not be decently buried in such aplace as this because they have not money enough to pay their funerals expences it looks rather to heathanish to look at such a scene

Monday 25, About half of our, co, was imployed in giting water and to work on board the bark overhalling and prepareing to take afresh supply our Directors and oficers were makeing purchises as the news was good from California they concluded to take ten pasengers at sixty four dollars each six Cillians two French men and two Americans, laid out about twelve hundred dolars by the company for flower and such articles as we need to cary to Californa, flower three dollars ahundred as it comes in bags in stead of beryls water is rather scearce had to pay one dollar and fifty cents aton where it is brought to (to) the vessels in water boats, but as there was a large no, of vessels in we should have to wate

several days to get our water we took our casks and went on shore and filled them our selves which cost us seventy five cents aton which would enable us to leave much sooner several of the pasengers bought some supplies to take with them which was caried for twenty two dollars aton, frate most provisions alittle hier than in the states, all, kinds of fruit in bundance but rather high for they take the advantage of strangers,

Tuesday 26, those that worked monday went ashore, ten of us hired horses and rode horse back at nine A M, we started and rode out on the santiago road about 8 miles went into several gardens that was very nice sawa many things to entirst us in one garden I saw several kinds of trees that grow in maine the pople the birch hornbeam and blackberys but not quite ripe I plucked several that was ripe, and the grapes grow in abundance and first rate also peaches and pears and apples and agreat plenty of melons the people appeared glad to see us and used us well after visiting several places and viewing every thing new we returned to the city again if I had time I should have rod out to the city of santaago the capital of chili about ninety miles East which is said to be a beautiful city of about seventy thousand inhabatance but it is av[e]ry hilly road and (and) winds around the hills like winding stairs, P M, we rode out to the light house about two miles from the city that sits on apoint to the, N, W, of the city to light the vesels and guide them in to port or harbour, at four I returned my horse for I was tired of rideing, Price for horses one dollar aday there horses are much cheaper than in the states get apretty good horse for twenty dollars mules are very plent[y] and great for carieng burdens cary water wood and every thing on their backs they have afew cariages for carying passengers about the city from one part to an other, oxen yoked andd hall by their horns apart of the city is quite pleasant streets well paved with stone and rather narow buildings mostly made of large brick and mud and plastered out side and in, labour is good mecanics three dollars per day lumber is high, the lower part of the town is much more pleasant than the uper part, which is very narow and winding streets and paths, up over the hills and the young ladies standing or siting in the dors, ready to welcome you in as they are very fond of the yankyes which I think is not so becoming in them, and their maners are not so pleasing as



the Americans, the principle trade here is by the English French and Americans a great many vessels call for fresh supplies &c, the Steamer Sarah Sands arived to day and an american Steamer left here to day for the panamar and sanfranciscoe the tenessee, from New York, there is two steamers runs from here to panamar, and sanfranciscoe both English,

Wednesday 27 A M, I workeed aboard the bark stowing and prepareing to leave P M, went on shore and visited Atkins Knight at the American hospittle an old friend that I got acquainted with in Bangor had bin here three weeks and calculates to go to California as soon as he gets able, I caried hime some papers and books to read as he wanted something from the states to read papers that is printed in the states sels for twenty five cents apiece, books are very hgh I paid one dollar for a small book to learn to read spanish price for puting a cristal in a watch one dollar, and most every thing accordingly I think it rather agoo[d] country especially, for a mecanic, or any smart business man with capital they have quite anomber of mounted policemen to guard the city and pretty good laws and very strict if aman gets in to arow he is soon put into the caliboos the poleacemen cary saurds and lassoos, and if they cant catch any one they want, they will through alassoo, ovr him, and achain gang I saw to work on the streets with chains on their feet, and some on there hands every man that commits any crime he is put in to the chain gang and works on the streets, our company I think has behaved very well and done honor to themselves and thos who know them they have drove about and sevayed the city very well for the time that we have had for we have had to work the most of the time, and I think we are the healthiest crew I have seen since I left Bangor, all hearty and rugged I have gained nine pounds since I left Bangor seven from St Catherines my wate now is fifty four the heaviest that I ever have bin and several have gained much more than I have, it is avery healthy country here and pleasant weather, in the morning it is foggy until 9, or 10, and then it clearsoff very pleasant it does not rain any for six months to a time and then it is wet, sumer dry, sesons, winter wet seasons, they do about as much business sunday as any day dance and frolic and sunday evenings is a theatre, I calculated to attended but one of the actresses was sick and did not play so we all missed of going, but we had a very pleasant time and enjoyed



ourselves very well in the evening I bought some fruit and caried aboard such as apples pears peaches plumbs nuts, &c, and returned to the ship at nine in the evening for I made it apractace to be in at nine every knight for they are apt to get their cockets picked and per haps robed, for every body and every thing is there I had one hankerchief stolen out of my pocket and several others the same which is very common altho they are not alowd to, whilst I was in the grave yard I penciled down afew lines that I saw on the grave stones, one was as follows

TO THE MEMORY OF JAMES REEVES LATE SEAMAN ON  
BOARD, H M, S, PRESIDENT DROWND BY THE  
UPSETING OF ABOAT ON THE 18 OF MAY  
1841, AGE 19 YEARS

His cours is up his sailes are furled  
His body lies beneath the wave  
His warning short from life he hurled  
The tenant of a seamans grave

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF CHARLES R PRICE WHO  
DEPARTED THIS LIFE JULY 19, 1847, AGE, 23,

I shall go to him  
But he will not return to me

VALPARASO, CAPT, ISAAC, THAYER, OF MARBLE HEAD DIED  
JUNE 27, 18,47, AGE, 50, OF, AN, ENGLISH, MARINE

With bounding heart I left my home	
Not thinking Death so near	Home sweet home
But here the tyrent laid me low	there is no place
Which caused amessmates tear	that seems like home
Now far from home my body lies	
Within this Earthly tomb	
But trust that Christ will mercy have	
And call my sperit home	

#### ANOTHER

When the last trumpets awful voice  
This rending earth shall shake  
When opening graves shall yeald their charge  
And dust to life awake  
Those bodies that corrupted fell  
Shall in corrupted rise  
And mortals form shall spring to life  
Immortal in the skies

After many toils and perils past	Whilst siting their I mused awhile
In foreign climes I have fill at last	On deaths long dreamless sleep
Reader prepare to follow me	An opening, life deceatful smil
For what I am you must shurely be	A moarner came to weep

Thursday Feby 28, 1850, this morning about ready to sail but wating to get some clothes that was sent ashore to get washed but could not find them nor find out where the fellow lived that caried them away it was one of the natives he agreed to bring them to the vessel again but did not I did not send any my self, but I suppose that there was seventy five dollars worth and hat [had] to leave them for the capt, thought it would not pay to stop for them A M, I got in to aboat with several others and visited several vessels, one French man of war one Inglish man of war, one Chilian man of war, and one (And one) Boston ship that came in the day before from California men most all sick with the scurvy, I saw one man from New, hampshire, that had bin in the gold digins I saw about three hundred worth of gold just as it was dug he told me he had got enough to pay him for going and calculates to return to the states and then thought of going back to California gain, he came on board of our vessel we gave him afew papers, &c, he has fifty dollars a month for comeing down, in the vessel, there was several Deaths of americans while we were in I did not learn of them, I saw the place where the Essex was captured by the Inglish, in the last war taken by the Feba & Cherub Captured in 18,14, by Comodore Hilyer, and the Essex Commanded by Capt Porter,, at 2, P M, all ready hoisted the boats wade anchor aand started being a good breeze from the south . . .

Thursday [March] 14, wind S E by E, Cours N W by W, and pleasant agood steden sail breeze with all sail set since we left valperazo it seems quite pleasant and all hands anxious to get to sanfranciscoe, we were employed in geting things ready f[or] the mines the forward part of the vessil represents quite a work shop some hanging grindstones others grinding axes and makeing axe handles and pick handles &c, at five would sweep and clean up the decks, and after supper is over spend an hour or two amuseing our selves to pass away the first part of the Evening Unkle Roundy with his drum and Mr Nelson with his fife would make business lively for a while after they get through Dr Bill as we call him, would bring his fiddle along and play [a] few lively tunes and have afew dances to drive away sad feelings & thoughts whilst others afts are siting down singing glees and mery songs which makes the time pass off quite peasantly which calls the mind to reflect upon past hours that I have spent with my friends at afar



distant home, whilst siting on the Cabin viewing the souther heavens there I Could see the southern Cross and the mejelon Cowd [cloud], also the diper in the nothern hemisphere every thing seems quiet and lovely, in Lat, 11,10, Lon, 94,47,

Friday 15, moderat winds from the S E by E Coars N W by W, and pleasant Lat 9,37 Lon 96,21 P M, quite an excitement trying to catch boneaters [bonitos] for the water was black with [them] as far as the eye could see it was rather hard work to spear them and they would not bite at a hook there was several struck with the spere and but two caught weighing about (8) eight to ten pounds apiece they kept along with the vessil for an hour or two the water full of them the most I ever saw . . .

Thursday 21, this day Comences with light winds from the E S E and pleasant with all sail set before the wind Cours N W by W, with light showers accationally P M, I sat upon the mane top and painted the Island of Staten land it was rather apoor place for the vessil is rocking and pitching about, but it was the best place I could find aboard, for the boys are so rogish they will Not let any one take any peace doing any thing they want to for him self if any one gets to playing cards they will hitch arope to his seat and hall it out from under him and play[ing] checkers the first you would know a club or a cloth or something or rather would hit on the board and scater the me[n] about they want to do some thing to make business lively no matere what it is if it will onely get up alaugh Mar 11, Mr Lander & Mr Alden mad a grinde stone bench and the next morning when I went on deck I herd quite a nois forward I went to see what it was there was the representation of a valperaso Jack ass, fixed up on the grind stone bench with the hen coop hung to him also abasket of onions and a keg of veno or water which caused quite an excitement and a good takeoff for the Chillians and unkele John Towle with his whip to drive him about and holering out to re[p]resent anative Comeing to market with his fowl, &—La, veno (wine) and onions (sawyo) it was quite amuseing for awhile, some likid the sport & others were alittle put out about it but no one knew who done it how ever it dose very well to help pass of the time and help drive off afellows lone-some thoughts while at sea in Lat 3,00, Lon, 104,53 . . .

Sunday Mar 24, 18,50, . . . at 1 (one) P M Mr Nye

thought he would try his Luck fishing so he went out the star-board stacle boom and prepared himself for action and watching his oportunity for the poor inocent Creatures [bonitos] to come up, it was but afew moments before several came along not thinking of any danger But Nye amed his dedly wepon at one of them mad up aterible face and spit on his hands and let go grains that was attached to along pole it hit the poor fish but trying to pull him abourd he broke the line and lost him polle and all the quarter was lowered and maned vessil hove too and went & found the pole but the graines and fish was gorn which got up quite a laugh, Lat, 00,2, North, Lon 109,29

A FEW LINES COMPOSED ON BOARD THE BARK CANTERO ON  
HER WAY TO CALIFORNIA BY EVERET F CROCKER

The morning sun rose bright and clear  
And merry winds did blow  
And proudly we our cours did stear  
On Board the Bark Cantero

With aching hearts (breasts) our homes we left  
Where many a tear did flow  
Of many a Joy our hearts bereft  
To join the Cantero

That houre where from our infant years  
To manhood we did grow  
We,ll, shed the many a tear  
On board the Cantero

Those fond fair ones whose image taught  
Our youthful hearts to glow  
By us shall never be forgot  
On board the Cantro

For thee we cross the troubled seas  
Where stormy winds do blow  
Our hearts shall fondly turn to thee  
On board the Cantero

For thee we cross earths senter line  
And onward still we go  
Golcondas golden strands to find  
On board the Cantero

From thee our wives and children dear  
That love that bids go  
Shall oft awaken many a tear  
On board the Cantero

But when we return from foreign climes  
 Our hearts shall doubly flow  
 To meet our friends we left behind  
 On board the Cantero

Then zephyr fill our spreading sailes  
 And free our sheets shall flow  
 And swift we'll, fly before the gale  
 On board the Cantero

Then far be very care and thought  
 The moments swift shall flow  
 To meet those friends we never forgot  
 On board the Cantero

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#### A FEW LINES WRITEN ON AGRAVE STONE IN VALPARASO

Shipmates all my course is up  
 My body,s, moored at rest  
 My soul is where? aloft, of course,  
 Rejoiceing with the blest  
 The Comodore brief warning gave  
 For me to anchor ship  
 My mooring,s hard, and fast are laid  
 Till signal made to trip

(The above drowned in the harbour of Valparaso  
 By the upseting of aboat on board a british Man of war)

I thought of Thee, I thought of Thee  
 On ocean, many a weary knight  
 When heaved the long and sullen sea  
 With only waves and stars in sight  
 We stole along by isle of balm  
 We furled before the comeing gale  
 We slept Amid the breathless calm  
 We, flew beneath the straining sailes  
 But thou wert lost for years to me  
 And day and knight, I thought of thee

Monday March 25, 18,50 fore part of the day calm P M,  
 alight breeze from the E S E and pleasant Cours W N  
 W, thermometer stands at 84, Lat 35,00 minutes Lon  
 110,35 several sick with a cold sharon Cross, quite  
 slim took a lemetic and the, Dr, bled him which mad him  
 feel a little better, also Albert Gowen, quite sick with  
 acold I suppose it is caused by sleeping on deck as it is (its)



rather warm and the air smells bad between decks quite [a]  
Number sleeps on deck . . .

Tuesday [April] 9, wind East and pleasant Lat 21,37  
Lon 135,7 to day employed in taking a sketch of Valperaso<sup>1</sup>  
as one or two has been trying it I thought I would try it, at  
11, A M, quite an excitement on deck a whale was discovered  
playing around the ship for some time the capt fired a ball  
in to him, also several others fired at him he [would] dive  
under the vessel several times and play about and then go  
off a short distance and blow and then come back agains and  
when he would rise they would fire at him at ½ past 12, he  
went and left us, several was employed in making a carriage  
for a big gun that our folks brought from prospect & at 4 p m,  
the boys loaded it and fired it off for the first time and the  
small gun was taken out and fired off and both cleaned and  
painted, in the evening we spent one hour in dancing for  
recreation passed off the evening quite pleasant . . .

Thursday 18, moderate wind from the S E, and pleasant,  
Course, N,E, in Lat 36,48, Lon 138,14 at 2 p,m, a  
meeting of to [the] co, Called for electing a new board of  
directors, a vote of the, co, was taken to see if we should  
have the election to day or wait until we arrive in port the  
yeas & nays were taken thirty five to eighteen majority  
seventeen for the election, proceeded to ballot Caleb C Wingate  
John Bunker Robert B Smart chosen unanimously, John  
M Lander had thirty eight votes Everett F Crocker thirty  
five, at three meeting adjourned the old board of directors  
resigned their office, Some little excitement got up in regard  
to [t]he election they all could not agree altho it passed off  
with out much trouble or opposition, though I think some is a  
little disappointed, a few votes was thrown for the capt, and a few  
for Samuel Lowder,,

Saturday 20 the directors met and appointed C C Wingate  
president Capt Saunders, trustee, Wm Towle, Secretary . . .

Sunday April 21, . . . yesterday at 4 p,m, Spoke the  
Brig Franklin Adams of Searsport, Me bound to San Francisco,  
left Valparaiso two days after us, after our capt  
spoke her our boys fired a gun and gave three hearty cheers, . . .

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<sup>1</sup>—This sketch, in color, appears on the last page of the notebook.

## [SAN FRANCISCO]

Monday, 29, this morning spoke the, Oregon abrig, from the, Sandwich Islands, formaly of New York bound in to the harbour, at 4, I went on deck and saw the entrance of the harbour, about 12, miles a head and the land on larboard side dis[tant] of about 5 miles it looked pleasant and the boys were anxiously looking at the promised land which we have long bin looking for at half past six, a pilot came along side and spoke us and our capt told him he would take him to pilot him in as we had got to pay half pilotage if he did not come aboard, he brought good news, and our folks were anxious to hear the report of the procedeings of California at 9, our boys loaded the cannons a[nd] fired three rounds and they picked up all the cards they could find and put in to the Cannon for wading, at 10, A M, droped anchor in the harbour of Sanfranciscoe, found a great many vissels in all kinds and of all nations, at, 12, I went ashore and saw several that I was acquainted with walked all over town found the place much larger than I expected to. I went to the postoffice, but found nothing there, for me, at, 4 p m returned on board, we reckoned up our dis tance of sailing from Bangor find eighteen thousand four hundred and ninety miles I wrot to my friends at 6, I went on shore again with severa[1] others expected to return but boat did not come for us I vis[ited] some of the boys, went in several gambling shops saw agreat deal of mony also gold from the mines find lumber worth but avery little hardly pay for bringing fifty dollars per thousand brick thirty five dollars per thousand wages low, Joiners from eight to twelve dollars per day could not get from shore to the vessil short of three dollars lodging one dollar, one dollar ameal for vuictwals,, I paid fifty cents to lodge in a bunk with nothing but an(d) old matress and an old quilt, to throw over me,

April 30, came aboard this morning at 7, found Mr Brown on shore, from Bangor left March 9, arived yesterday in the steamer Gold Hunter from panamar at 4, p, m, he came aboard with us and took breakfast, brought several letters with him, for our folks closed several letters for my friends and put in to the office for the mail leaves the first of every month, our folks were looking aroud to see what it was to do, finding our building worth but a little, and vessil worth mear nothing our folks can hardly tell what to do some



wants to do one thing and some another to day is election day in the cety for city officers

Wednesday May, 1, 1850, California to day my health is rather poor, have rather abad cold and settled on my lungs stoped on board until 11, a, m went on shore, apart of our, co, went across the bay and got a beaf ox, som went on to asmall island and got some wood after cruicing a bout city for some time and seeing aspecmin fo [of] human nature, and the customs of most all nations and seeing the eliphant, as it is termed, Mr Marston and my self steped in to arefreshment shop and eat aquarter of custard pie apiece, and had to pay one dollar I did not grumble at it, although I thought it rather dear, pie, at 6 I returned on board with some old acquaintanes, from Bangor Hiram Fogg, Robert Carlisle William Libbey, Joseph Boynton, s[t]oped all knight with us took supper and breakfast with us, in the evening had afew dances on deck to pass away the time lively

Thursday 2, our folks called a meeting of the, co, and concluded to leave our barks, here and appointed Capt, Saunders agent to sell the barks and cargoe and pay him ten dollars per day, also Capt, S, should chose an assistant to help him, and have provisions and others materials sold for mony to enable us to go in to the mines, and the, co, should deso[1]ve in regard to Labour, at half past eleven, ajourned un til Friday, 3, at Seven A M, in the morning Mr Marston was quite sick he took a lemetic, at ten, he had a severe pain in his head, at noon he was a little easier, P M, the boys began to fòrm, companies for going in to the mines fore five and six in a, co,

Friday 3, at 7, a, m, meeting of the, co, called to order the, Capt, reported that he had chosen Albert Eaten, to assist, him, price, 8, dollars per day, to day made sale, of provision to the amount of about three thousand dollars to divide to the co fifty dollars to each member, also provision to be devided among the each member, mineing utensals sold to the membes of the, co, at the invoice, price, pota-toes sold for, 30, cts per, pound

Saturday, May 4, 1850, San francescoe, at day light, 3, A M, afire broke out in the city and raged for several hours, sweeping about one hundred buildings, the best of them, owned by gamblers, At, 4, I went ashore and stoped until 7, at 9, a m a meeting of the co called to order, woted to desolve the



co, as far as Earnings is Conserved or babour, the tents were sold at auction, bid off by the co. Sold the provision to Mr, Saywood, to day he took his brig along side and took in frate for the mines or Sacrameto, which is one hundred and fifty miles above here. I had an offer to go to work on shore at my trad to comence monday next, at ten dollars per day, our boys picking up for the mines, to start the first of the week,

Sunday May 5, apart of our co went to meeting looked around to see the ruins of the fire quite a No, of buildings Comenced rebuilding yesterday and to day several to work on(e) burnt destrict

Monday 6, I comenced work fore B F Pierce on ablock of brick stores on Montgomery St, at ten dollars per day Stopped on board the bark knights, and to[ok] our dinners on shore to, day the ship Charles Cooper from Bangor arived we beet her two days Several of them came on board to see us,

Tuesday, 7, to day business is lively around town build-ings going up rapidly and agreat many vessels comeing in to the harbour, there [are] mow from fore to five hundred ves-sels in the harbour

Wednes 8, our folks left for the Northern mines five joiners, that works in the city here Mr Lander and brother Mr Alden Marston and my self, Mr, C, Wingate Bunker, Wm, M, Towle and fisher stopes to put up the scow, &c,

Thursday 9, to work for Pierce, nothing of importance to day

Friday, 10 Saw several acquaintancees forom Bangor I find agreat many of the Main folks here many more than I expected to find

Saturday May 11, quite sick last knight with diarear, not able to work to day went on shore at ten, A, M, looked around for a lot to build ahous on, thinking it much cheaper than to pay fourteem dollars per week for board

Sunday 12, at 9, A M, went on shore tramped around town went out in to the country strawbrying found but a few returned at 12 p m, wrote two letters to send to my friends in Bangor by aman that was going home to Brunswick,

Monday, 13, Marston Aldin and mysilf hired a house to live in of Dr Jones fore eight months at twenty dollars per month and moved in

Tuesday 14, Aldin & my self finished moveing in to the

house, took alot of provisions from the bark, five with my self lives to gether Mr Lander & brother Marston Aldin and Myself, find it much cheaper than to bourd out

Wednesday, 15, went to work on a job on the burnt district

Thursday, 16, business quite lively to day we get along finely in our house like [it] well onely it is quite a walk from work

Friday 17 commenced work for fields on a wharf at ten dollars per day, to day Mr Wingate Bunker, & Towle, left for the mines in asailing vessil, the capt and Eaton and Fisher stoping at the bark, Aldin sick with the disintary

Saturday 18, Mr Aldin no better Wm, C, La[nder] sick, with the same, the rest of us most sick with a cold

Sunday May 19, Nothing of importance to day Stoped at home to day all day to take care of Aldin find he is no better but hope he will be in a few da[ys]

May 26, for the last week bin to work for Mr Gilbert at ten dollars per day a block of stores on long wharf at the foot of Sacramento, st, Mr Aldin, I think is a little better he sat up a part of the day, to day wee are very busi cooking and washing as we have bin very busi since we moved into this house we find our selves comfortably situated here a little out of town by our selves, we get our wood where we work as it is very high in market \$,30, dollars per cord water is a not very handy about one forth of amile off it is butiful spring water, allthough it will not last through the rainy season, business is rather lively about town,

June 2, I have bin to work for Gilbert on his building on the foot of Sacramento, st, Mr Aldin is no better, failing fast, Dr Smith attends on him, Mr, Lander, and, Marston, stoped with him for the last week Capt, Saunders received aletter from Sacramento from Wm M Towle Saying that the Cantero, folks had seperated and gon in to the mines, and C, D, Wingate was to work there for thirteen dollars per day Thomas Springer was expected to die he was very sick in the hospittle he had attempted to make way with him self once by drinking a bottle of brandy onc by drinking a bottle of pain killer once by jumping into the river I think he must have felt very bad indeed the steamer Oragon left here yesterday for Panamar, caried 2½ millions of dol-



lars quite a No, of passengers, for the states returning home some have got their pile, others have done nothing at all

June, 3., 1850, Mr, Silas. Aldan, Died in San Franciscoe with the dizentary, sick, sixteen, days, he was taken very good care of, by Mr, Lander, Mr, Marston and, myself, he had two physicians, Dr, Wilcocks and, Dr, Smith, but could do him no good, there was no help for him, he seemed to bear, with patience and expressed quite an anxiety to live and get well,

June 4, we buried him at 3., P,M, Capt, Saunders Mr, Fisher, Mr, Marston, and My self followed him to his grave he was a young man about twenty five years of age, he was a man of honor, and respected by his friends and all who knew him, I felt to mourn for his departure, as I had become very much attached to him and thought a great deal of him, I was sorry to loose one of our family after comeing so far from home, and leaveing his Mother at home, that no, doubt, [was] interested in his wellfare & prosperity in California and anxiously wating for his safe return he requested Mr, Lander to write to his mother if he did not live, also he gave some directions in regard to his things wished to have some of his best things Sent home to his mother, and seemed thankful to think he was with his friends

June, 16, Mr, Nye, one of our, Co, Came down from the mines, to return home in the steamer, Columbus, which is to leave the 18, he is out of health, and home sick says he does not like California, it is not what it has bin Cracked up to be, brings rather bad news from the rest of the Co, says several is sick, Mr Spiringer is dead, died at sacremento with the Consumption Richard P Wingate has retourned to the vessil sick, some of the co is doing well June 14, day before yesterday there was a great fire in town, distroyed five hundred buildings loss five Millions of dollars

June 16, Mr, Nye, one of our, co, Came and took tea and stoped all knight with us I wrote two letters and sent by him, to Bangor,

July 4th, 18.50,. San Franciscoe, my health is very good also the rest of our party not but alittle going on to day for selebrating the birth day of our independance several speaches was mad in the, square, at one, P,M, a liberty



pole was erected in the plaser, one hundred and twelve [feet] high, fifteen inches through at the but and five inches at the top, presented to the city of San Franciscoe, by the city of Oregon, and sent down by a steamboat

July 14, all well, this morning, Mr, Albert Eaton started for home to Bangor one of our, Co, bin stoping on board the bark Cantero cooking for the capt, at eight dollars per day and found his health was very poor, he was not able to work all the time, and concluded it woul[d] be better to go home, I sent a letter to my sister and Brother with ten dollars to my sister, that I earned the forth of July, rather than to play, . . .

August 15, Great riot at Sacramento between the squaters and sitizons, several killed and wounded the, Mayor, Sheriff and others also the leader of the squaters, Several companies were raised here in san Franciscoe and in other places, to help their sister city and put down the squaters, the com, from here was the, California,, Gards, and the inginer, Co, &c, but quite an excitement through the town, but the squater finely given up, and, the, Co,s, returned home,

Aug 23, the steamer California arived to day with her Collors flying at half mast bringing the news of the Death of President Taylor, [Aug.] 24, the city officers, met and made arrangements for, the funeral [Aug.] 29, the funeral obseques, the procession formed on broadway agreeable to the request of the committee, of arrangements the cheaf marshall, then which there is no more arduous situation in a demonstration of this kind, deserves great credit for the perfection with which every arrangement was conceived, and the fidelity with which they were caried out by the deputies. the Band which preceded the Masonic bodies, although small in numbers, discoursed most excellent musick, and peculiarly suited to the ocasion, The Grand Lodge, mad a respecable show, both in point of numbers, and the standing of those composing the body, but California Lodge No, one,, the pioneer, Lodge on the pacific Coast—was decidedly the most numerous of any devision in the procession, David Crocket Lodge followed, and then came the independent order of Oddfellows, who mustered in considerable No,s, but we were surprised to see so few, Sons of temperance, the California Garde did realy make a fine martial appearence.—their regeral uniform not being yet finished, they came out in their fatigue dress, ,

consisting [of] dark pants and sashes, blue woolen shirts, and a blue cloth military cap, the hears contained a coffin Covered with a black pall was drawn by four milk white horsess tastefully comparisined in mourning, led by four grooms, appropriately dressed, on each side of the hears was the inscription, I have always done my duty, Next was St Francis hook and ladder, Co, No, 1, composed of some of our most respectable, welthy and influential citizens, Howard hook and ladder, Co, took the palm of all the fire department, Sansome hook and ladder Co, were out in good Numbers and afiner looking body of men Can not befound, the Mayor, and recorder came next preceding the bourd of aldermen and assistants and were followd by the city police one of the, no, bearing a large blue sattin Banner, sermounted by a guilt eagle, appropreately shrouded, , on the Banner was the following inscription, in large gold letters, San Franciscoe police department organized Aug the 12, 18,49, the Banner was butifully executed and most tastefully hung with black Crape, the New York delegation turned out in large No,s the Celestials, or Chineas no,-ed, one hundred, which made afine appearence a respectable delegation of British subjects on horse back, brought up the rear, altogether it was the largest and best organised demon stration, that has ever bin mad in California

Sep, 17, a fourth great Conflagration in San Frانس a bout day light, the fire broke out on Jackson street takeing all before it, sweeping some two or three squares, mostly new and some splendid building many buildings were torn down and distroyed by the firemen in order to save the city loss of property, some three or four millions of dollars

(about the last of Sept, the news arived to san Fran of the admtnce of Cal,a, as a state which was cheering news to all, of Cal,a, and great excitement, fireing guns display of colours, a great procession, &c, and son —

Cholera, made its appearence, it [in] California, about the 1, of Oct, 1850, many returned to the states on account, of it, agreat many died at San Franciscoe, Sacramento, and in the mines Mr Nelson & Mr Lemfist, died at Sacramento Members of the Bangor Tradeing and mineing Co, it caused quite an excitement and many were much, alarmed . . .

## HERE I INSERT THE NAMES OF OUR COMPANY &amp; PASSENGERS

Capt	Joseph, Saunders	Bangor	Returned home, Dec,/50
1 Mate	Everate F Crocker	Bucksport	
2 Mate	Benjamin Fisher	Bangor	
Crew,	Albert Eaton	Bangor	returned home, Aug,/50
	Charles Carlton	Bangor	returned home, Dec,/50
	Samuel Lowder	Bangor	returned home Sept,/50
	James, Mcguire	Bangor	
	Edward, Mayo	Bangor	returned home, Aug,/50
not a member	Theo, Thompson	Dixmont	returned home 1851

## FOR DIRECTERS

president,	G W Towle	Presk, Isle,	
	Caleb C. Wingate	Sebec	
directors	John C. Norton	Corinth	returned home Dec, /50
	John Nelson	Sebec	Died, with Cholera, at sacramento, 1850
	Sylvanus B Marston	Bangor	Dead
Trasurer	John, M, Lander	Bangor	returned home 1851 Dead
Sect	Wm M Towle	Bangor	
	Andrew, Mc,carlin	Bradley	
	Albion, Dole	Bangor	Died in the mines, 1851
	Alonzo Baker	Oldtown	
	Abram, Lamfist	Do - - -	Died at sacramento, with cholera, 1850
	John A Towle	Bangor	
	Peliah Colbirth	Oldtown	
	Herman S Farrington	Bangor	
	John, Towle	Bangor	
	Wm C Lander	Bangor	returned home 1851
	Thomas Springer	Oldtown	Died at Sacramento, with consumption, 18,50
	Eugene, Bradbury	Buxton	
	Ezchiel C Curier	Sebec	
	Charles D Pierce	Bangor	died May, 1851, in the mines
	Wm McLaughlan	Bangor	returned home Dec,/50
	A N Gowen	Oldtown	
	Lorenzo Clark	Springfield	
	Benjamin, Dore	Bangor	
	Joel Richardson	Bangor	
	Charles D Wingate	Dover	
	Richard P Wingate	Sebec	
	Sharon Cross	Sebec	
	Geo S Stevens	Corinth	
	Henry Woodbry	Oldtown	
	Loring P Symmes	Newfield	died at sacramento, Mar, 18,51
	Betheuel P Shaw,	Bangor	Died in Cala, 18,50
	Fernando Stevens	Presk Isle	



Daniel Seward	Orono	
Calvin, Wilkins	Brownville	
John Bunker	Sebec	
Wm N Buffum	Orono	
Samuel J, M, Perkins	Bangor	
Silas Alden	Newbery Me,	Died, June 3, 18,50, in, San, Fr
Darius Nye	Milo	returned home Aug, 1850,
Robert B, Smart	Sebeck	
Alexander Bartine	Orono	
Stephen C Smith	St Albans	
Francis D Philbrook	Bangor	
Charles Staples	Milo	
Freeman Nye	Bangor	
Wm Towle	Presk Isle	
Dr, Wm, W, Esterbrook,	Oldtown	

## PASSENGERS ON BOARD THE CANTERO FOR CALIFORNIA

John B Leathers	Pelmira	
Michel, Horan	Bangor	
George, Delaite	Sebec	
John Delaite	holton	
John W, Courier	Sebec	
Lawry Willet	Oldtown	
James H Emery	Orono	
Nath Farington	Orono	Returned home Mar, 18,51
Johnathan Pitcher	Bangor	
James, Murry	Frankfort	
Henry Wilder	Milo	
A K, Hartford	Prospect	
George R White	Dixmont	
Rhuben, Hilman	Dixmont	Died, in the mines, 18,51
Hiram Draper	Bangor	returned home, Sept,/50
Wm, C, Towle	Fryburg	
John, Roundy	Bangor	returned home, Dec,/50
Samuel Smith, Jr,	St, Albans	
Henry Johnson	Do - -	
Wm Hall	Orono	
Theodore, Thompson, sailor,	Dixmont	
Wm H Howard	Bangor	
John Veazie	Bangor	
Charles A Cushman	Lea	
S D Brastoe	Brewer	
John H, Hunt	Bangor	
10 pasengers from valparaso	for 64 dollars	Each
1 Capt Doun of	New York	
Mr Lord of	Kenebank, Me	
2 frenchman from Chili		
one spaniard from Spain		
5 Chilëans from Valparaso		

## JOURNAL, FROM, CAL, TO OREGON

SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA SEP 19, TH 18, 50

at 9, A M, I went on board the steam ship Sea, Gull, Master, Capt, Cressey, at 10, A M, ready to sail about one hundred and twenty on board, five Ladies, the Boat was a little unlucky in starting the officers found she did not mind her helm very well come to look found, the tiller was shipped rong when it was mid ships, the ruder was hard down ran into a schooner caried away her martingil, stoped about twenty minutes and started again all things put at rites went along finely passed through the golden gates, th[e] entrance of the Bay saw several vessils going in to the Bay met one man of war, enjoying our selves finely got about fifteen miles from the gates or entrance about half past 11, A M, saw a ship off our larboard bow, or nearly ahead of us our pilot calcalated to keep to the right, there being a good breeze the ship was under full sail, we wer nearing fast the ship stood to the lef, our pilot saw he could not tack and pass to the left, so he ordered the wheel hard aport, and about twelve the ship came in contack with the boat, with stedensails set we were all expecting to be cut down and sink every moment, to rise no more she struck about mid ship on the larboard sid, stove in the top rail bull works and into the kitchen frightend the cooks most to Death, and a wonder it had not killed some of them broke the most of theire crockery, caried away the Main top gallant mast and runing riging &c, and so [on], done no damage to the hul and was able to riturn and repare the ladies ware frightened half out of there sences, and the men runing from place to place, all trying to find the safest place several jumped on Board the ship, her name was John Martenal, from New York, she was damaged considerable, the cut water jibboom frying jib, and jib, caried away with some riging at 2, P M, we got back to the wharf where we started from, a petission was got up on board the boat to cleer the pilot as ther was one on each I be gan to think that was slow geting along towards, Oregon, as soon as we came to the wharf preperationes were made for repareing, I went to work repareing,

Saturday, 20th, at 4 P M, ready to start again, some little fear was expressed among the pasengers of her not going

safe, the same pilot took us out, and was very attentive to his business, he missed the pilot boat and went to Humboldt with us sailed along the shore in sight of land, all the way,

[HUMBOLDT BAY]

[September] 24, arrived to Humboldt Bay it being quite foggy, Stood off until 11, A M, cleared away pleasant, and run into the bay the entrance is very narrow, and rather showl, breakers rolling up on both sides, none of the officers had never bin in before and this being the first steamer that ever entered the Bay after entering we turned to the left, Humboldt city, situated on the right, at the entrance, a small part of the Bay makeing down to the right in front of the town, we ran up six miles to the head of navigation stoped at Ureca, a small towon, it is avery pleasant pretty harbour, from  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile to, two miles wide, we found two Brigs, loading with piles, for San Francescoe ten miles from Ureca, is Union town at the hed of the Bay, from Ureca to Union town the Bay expands to the wedth of eight miles, filled with islands of low land it admits nothing but boats and lighters, to run to union town, as the water is shole the capt and some of the passengers went to union town and stoped unt[il] the next evenig, after we came to anchor several with my self went on shore stoped until sunset friend Haskel and my self, took our rifles and rambled off into the woods about two miles, to see the country we found a track leading to the trinity mines distance about one hundred miles after tramping along through the thick woods breaks and bushes, with strect lookout for the Grizely, Bar, Kiota, and other game that show it self and viewing the large trees that and new kinds of lumber, we at last came to an opening asmall plane, where the Deer & elk come and feed, after looking around about one hour, seeing no game, we concluded to return to the boat again keeping a good look out, but we could see nothing to shoot, but a phesant, and a pigeon, however we were well paid for our tramp although we wre somewhat tired when we arived, to the Boat, the Indians were quite plenty, and go nearly necked, Several, were about on the shores seemed quite animated, and pleased, and earnestly looking at the Boat, something they had never before seen Several came on board, they received several presents and considerable, stuff to eat, bread meat &c, they were around quite thick with



thier Canoos, and some of them were quite busi carieng passengers to, and from the boat the settlers seemed very well contented, and all were in hopes to make a fortune there was about twenty houses and as many tents at Ureca, and several more to be put up wages ten and twelve, dollars per day, the soil was good timber in any quantity some of the largest trees I ever saw som ten feet, in dianeter, and it is said that some are twenty and even thirty feet through.

Wednesday 25, I took a tramp up around the Bay, and along the shores, &c, at noon I returned to the Boat, I found the pasengers were quite dissatisfied, with the Capt, his being away so long and detaining them so long, as they were anxious to get to Oregon, as some were on eargent business, in the evening the Capt returnd telling a smooth story ane so on, ,

[Thursday] 26, at 11, AM, ready to sail again pilots came on board those who came in with us, Mr Rion and some other that were pasengers for that place, also a capt, of one of the vessels that lay at anchor as they were all anxious to learn the way as wel as posible for it was a new place never discovered until last winter and the first vessels entered in March,, and the first buildings put up in April, that shoes the enterprise of the American, at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 11, wade anchor and started when we arived at the entrance it came up foggy, and we droped anchor until it cleared off, she came very near runing ashore,, went in less than two fathom of water which seemed to excite the feelings of many but she soon came into deep water again,. where we lay at anchor until three, P M,, fogg cleared off, and we started again, the pilots took a small sail boat with them, after geting fairly out they took a glass of champain, with the Capt, jumped into the boat, gave the cheers, bid goo by, and put back passed along with afare wind.

Friday 27, fare wind and pleasant at thre P M of[f] Cape blancoe, several rocks seen off the Cape, ten miles from land, the passengers were amuseing them selves play[ing] cards and gambling which was practised, all the voige, by several some two or three was quite seck with direa, one of the stewarts, was quite sick, by being badly scald[ed], by the slaping of water from the pots on the stove, caused by the rocking and pritching of the boat when we first came out

Sat, 28, pleasant and fare wind, .5 P M, off Cape lookout distance 4 miles, stood off through the knight,

Sundy 29, pleasant, 8, A M, in sight of the entrance of Columbia river, two ships comeing out, 9, A m, pilot boat fired agun  $\frac{1}{2}$  9, pilot came on board, 11, entered the river  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 12, arived at Astoria 1, p m, several, of us went on shore took diner at Mr Vandusens this is a small town,, of new buildings, Called Fort George one Com, of Artilery,, they were building Barax, &c, while promanading, the shore, I saw quite a No, of flat head Indians the first I ever saw, at 3, p m I returned to the Boat, a[t] 4 p m, ready and started for Portland, with pilot on board and all ready it was quite pleasant, sailing up the river, until dark, as it was rather dark through the knight though I stayed on deck until quite late as it was calm and still nothing to be seen or hearn from the shores, except the light of the fires and the hooting of the Indians as we were glideing along through the smothe water, at 12, midnight I retired, for a short time at day light the 30th, we stoped at St helena, about one hundred miles up the river, left a few pasengers, and frate, at, 9, A m came to the Willamette river,

## [PORTLAND]

at, 11, a m, we arived at Portland, 12, miles from the Columbia river one hundred and therty miles from the Pacific, while runing up the river, we could see several high mountains, the tops well covered with snow, the first Mount Hellen, the 2,d, Mount Hood the therd Mount Jeffrson,. whin we arived at Portland the shores were covered with people several guns were fired to salute us, and one from the Bark Gold Hunter, of and from Bangor, after (after) we droped anchor, I soon step ashore, and promanadded the streets I saw several old acquaintances, three from Bangor Capt Jackson Capt, John Harlow, and Mr Kamp business was quite good, building fast, and avery pleasant place to build atown, the town was seroundid with woods of a heavy growth of what is called Oregon pine but resembles the hemlock of (of) Maine, the streets were not made and no improvements going on, by the cituzins excep individually, there was one quite prety church building several stores shop[s] dwelling houses, &c, wages from eight to ten dollars per day for Mechanics, fore and five for common labourers, bourding twelve dollars per week or one dollar a meal, six miles, above portland is Milliwakie, twelve miles to Oregon city, Milliwakie head of naviga-



tion Portland will probaly be the leading town on the river, it being the best plice for atown, and large vessels not able to run any farther We found several vessels at Portland loading with lumber for California, I stoped all knight, and the next morning Nov 1, left for Fort Vancouver on the Columbia river six miles from the mouth of the Willamette, eighteen miles by water or ten by land, four with my self, H, Field, J, Haskel, D, W, Thompson, and my self took a small boat, and started for vancouver, paid three fellows, twenty two dollars, for our passage, and we rowed apart of the way our selves,

[FORT VANCOUVER]

arived at vancouver at 2, p, m, this is aplace settled by the Hudson Bay Co, they built afort, and several large buildings to guarde them selves from the Indians, they have caried on an extensive business trade in furs with the Indians for several, years, there is quite a settlement of Indians and conackees and half Breeds,. this tribe of Indians is called, Che-nooks, Vancouver is pleasantly situated on A, plane about four miles long, on the bank, of the Columbia, river, about one hundred and twenty five miles, from the mouth of the river, for two miles down the river, it is quite pleasant, the land is low and full of ponds, and aplenty of game, such as ducks and brants, wild gees Swans &c, the Indians spend the most of their time shooting fowl, and bring to the Barox, to, sell, [for] which they get considerable chenge

Oct, 3, commenced work for Government, at eight dollars per day, and one and ahalf rations furnished the Brig Gen, Paterson, arived to day with eighteen Carpenter, twenty two in all with our, crew,

Oct, 4 all hand Comenced work, first put up a Shop to work in, and to sleep in the uper part all, hands slept in tents, the first week there being no quarters ready for us, Officer and soldiers all quarterd in tents until we could prepare buildings for them, the quarters were comenced, by the soldiers, of logs,

Oct, 15, the rainy season Comenced,, and rained for several, days, put up a cook house, for our crew, finding it uncomfortable cooking out in the rain. haveing no lumber to fnish the building, we fixed them up temporaly so, the Officers, could live in the winter, and about the middle, Nov, they moved



in, our next work was to finish the Col,s, house in,side, it being quite a job, it being a log house,

Jan, 1; it being one half done, the Officers gave a New years Ball, next the guard house, and, Capt, Ingals house,

[At this place in his Diary, the author has introduced a vocabulary of English and Chinook which he had apparently copied from some unknown source. It is largely phonetic in character, and herein has been omitted.]

NAMES OF CARPENTERS CAME FROM CALIFORNIA TO OREGON,  
TO FORT VANCOUVER, TO WORK FOR GOVERNMENT  
OCT 4TH, 1850,

John Kelly	R, I,	Wm, B, Kelly	Penn
Cal, L, Tripp	R, I,	George, A, Lamb	Missouri
Thomas T, Hooper	Mass	John, O, Lufkin	Me
Rodney M, Lucas	Mass	Hiram, Field	Me,
Nathaniel T Cutler	Mass	Jacob, Haskell	Me,
John, J, Simmonds	Do,	D, W, Thompson	Me
Joshua, Pray	Do,	Benjamin, Dore	Me,
Wm, Babcock	Do,	, Dickinson	Penn,
Orlando, Everett	New, H	Wm, Garvin	Floriday
Benjamin, Waterman	Mass	Henry Spon,	N, Y
Fredreck P, Burch	Conn	Henry Sturtivant	N, H

Vancouver,, Oct 28th, 1850, finding business dull, no amusements and nothing to take up our attention,, in order to pass the long evenings agreeably, we formed a debating Clubb Called it the Macanics Liceum, to meet and discuss some question twice a week every Tuesday and Friday evenings,, which caused some little excitement and interist, and surve to help pass away our long evenings pleasantly, Mr, John Kelly, was chosen President, Simmonds, Vice President, Lucas, Sec, for one month, finding it some little advantage, to us, we chose new set of Officers, for another month, Mr Lucas President Myself, vice President, Cutler Sec, discussions, began to grow quite interesting and many questions were discust with much anamation, and simpathitic feeling at the end of the month and other set officers chosen, Benjamin Dore President, Cal, Tripp vice president, Gorege A, Lambe, Sec, our liceum, was kept up, with good speretes, and with much interest, all, were interested and proved a benifit to us all, although in the woods, at the end of the month another set of officers chosen, Cal, Tripp, President,, T, T, Hooper vice President J W, Haskell, Sec,

Dec, 5 1850, Vancouver, Oregon, A Soldiers Ball this

evening, Clear, and cold through the day, I was imployed a part of the day prepareing the house for a Ball which was to be given in the evening some six or eight of our, Co, attendid,, after supper being surved with the mess one hour or two we spent in overhalling, our Clothing, and prepareing, to realise what we had bin antisipateing, a good dance, in the far and lonely west,, at the hour of half past seven, some six with my silf, left, for the hall, on entering I found, some twenty five men, som soldiers, , , and some sitizens, mechanics &c, but seven, females, soldiers wives, five, but two young Ladies, there being but few of the females in the Country, for music, three of the Military Band, dancing through the evening mostly Cotillons Supper at twelve, which was served in very good shape, , roast Beef, two roast Swans, caught by the indians, cakes nuts wine &c, after supper one Lady left, at ten, two left at one, oclock one left, leaveing but three, at two another left (at) at half past two broke up, leave in but two Ladies in the hall, Misses, Melleck, stoped at three all hand returned home,

Dec, to work on officers quarters, at the Columbia Barox,, quite cool, and stormy,

Jan, more pleasant, apart of the crew comenced work on the Quartermasters house, some of the men discharged,

Feb, very pleasant month but avery little rain through the month, and very warm, apart of the crew left for the mines, on the Calamath river, quite an excitement, about the mines, a great meny going from diferent parts of the country,,

March, comences very pleasant, getting the Goverment work about done,, Mar, 5th, the Capts house nearly finished, and the Mechanics gave a Ball, in the new house, Mar, 5,

#### MANAGERS

Frederick P Burch, of, Conn,	J, W, Haskell, of Maine
Rodney M, Lucas, of Mass,	Benjamin Dore, Do

the Ladies were rather scarce, there being but afew famalies in the neighbourhood,, onely seven attended, however it passed off very pleasantly severale of the officers came in and danced with us Capt, Ingalls, Adj, Palmer, and others

Vancouver Mar 15,/51, finished up work for Goverment,

to day,, Comenced Oct, 2,/50,, from Oct, 2 to Mar, 15,, 155 days

whole amount,		\$,12,40,
pad for hospittle fees,		10
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	leaves	\$,1,2,30
Mar 19,/50, received		2,30
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	leaves	\$,1000
Mar 20, by order on Hudson Bay Co,		1000
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March 17, walked to Portland, found business quite dull,, but little doing there, a great many left for the mines, money scarce,, I stoped with friend Hall, . . 18, returned to Vancouver by water in a fery Boat,

20, settled with Quartermaster, showery to day

21, rainy to day,,

23, moved from Vancouver to Portland, , Comenced bourding with Bakers

31, Comenced bourding with, Capt, O, S, Hall at the warren house,

Apr, 2, to 5 worked for Robert hall

Apr 7 Commenced work on the Steamer Willamette, at six dollars per day and bourded worked two weeks quite eno[ugh], quit work, dissatisfied

Apr 23/51, left Portland with Friend Haskell to take a cruice, into the valley and see the Country Wednesday 23, started at 10, A, M, Crossed the river, and proceded along the river to Milwaukie, and took diner thence we proceded to Oregon City and stoped all knight found the roads rather wet, and very bad the most of the way quite showery in the ,p,m, saw but a very little good land to day, one very good farm, about 2 mites [miles] before we arived to Oregon city arived at the city at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 4, p m, visited the falls, mills &c, business of the city principaly on one street, there being a high bluff of rock, in the rear of the first street, extending along the (the) city, within two or three hundred yards of the river business very dull, but little doing; stoped all knight at the Main street house, kept by Mr Mass, very good house



Thursday 24, at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 7, started for the planes, first two miles very rough, climeing up the mountains, but a few good clames, for several miles proced along about 25 miles to day at 10, A,M, Crossed the Mokeley river, roads rather poor, at 2 p,m, crossed the Puddin river, stoped at knight at Mr Cooleys on French prairy, a farmer from Missisouri, bin there some 5 or 6 years, I find the farmers well contented, live very easy work but a small part of the time and all getting rich,

Friday pleasant, to day, at 7, A,m, started on our journey, passed several good farms, crossed the French prairy, abutiful track of land, bin settled some 20, or 30, years by the french and half Breeds servants of the Hudson Bay Co, at 4, p,m, arived at Salem, stoped at Mr, Forces, I felt very lame and tired by not being used to traveling, saw the place where Mr. Kendall, was Hung Apr 18th, 18,51, for murder

Saturday 26, pleasant stoped at Salem until noon we took each of us a horse, and rode about the planes until noon, this is the most pleasant and delightful Country I ever saw alevel plane for 20 miles the clames all takeken, or nearly all, the people happy and contented, and very healthy, this place is intendid to be the Capital of the teritory Several stores shops, mills &c, avery entiresting town, at noon started for Portland, returned to the fery about 6, miles, could not get across the river, therefore was oblige to go back two miles to stop we stoped at Mr, Hords

Sunday 27, fine and pleasant, about 8, in the morning we started on our journey came along down a bout eight miles and Crossed the ferry at Betheneys at noon, there we took some refreshments and procedid on our cours, the roads rather bad and takeing rong directions, we did not come out [where] we expected we intendid to come out at Lafayette, but in crossing yam hill stream we took the rong trail which led over the hills and came out to the first house about two miles from Lafayette we had some little difficulty in finding the house it being quite late in the evening and we were both tired and hungry and glad to seek shelter but we soon satisfied our hungry sowles and retired to Bed, and in a few mome-ments [were] enjoying the sweet blessings of slumbers, in the morning I discoverd the mans wife was an Indian women his

name is Hubbourd, lived in the Country eighteen years he had one little girl, about twelve years old a smart active little girl

Monday 28, at 7 left Mr, Hubbourds for Lafayette arrived there at 8, stopped until, 10 this is [a] pleasantly situated place some five or six stores two or three taverns quite a No, of dwelling &c, from Lafayette we came to Whapatus Lake this is an Indian reserve for a small tribe of Indians from there we came down and crossed the Chehalat mountains arrived on the top at sunset we had then about five miles to go all woods got through and found Mr Lewisses about  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 8, with but little difficulty, and stopped all night,

Monday 29, started quite early in the morning, found but little good land, coming in to day arrived at Portland at 4,p,m, the roads very bad it being the last part of the rainy season, on the whole I like the Country much better than I ever anticipated, the farmers live easy and independent the land rich, and brings forth several crops of grain with but one sowing, Cost nothing to raise pork, but very little to raise stock & horses as there is a plenty of grass the year round many of the plains are from one to thirty miles long, and from one to ten wide nothing seems more pleasant at this time of year when nature's garden (in) [is] in bloom, the grass about ankle deep and intermixed with flowers, of every color

1851, May 4, A destructive fire in San Francisco burned up the most of the city several lives lost

May 10, received a letter from Marston at San Francisco, giving me an account of the great Conflagration also advising me to return to San Francisco twenty squares & more than two hundred acres of land burned over of the most business part of the city damage twenty millions, of dollars,

LINES WRITTEN ON THE DEATH OF MR E, J, JACOBS WHO  
DIED ON BOARD THE BARK BELGRADE BOUND  
TO CALIFORNIA

Beneath the ocean wave he lies  
Far Far from his own native shore  
And from that secret depth will rise  
To see this native home no more

Though far from those he loved most dear  
He sickened, suffered and dropped and died  
To watch his couch kind friends were near,  
And every art to save him tried

And when he yielded up his breath  
And sank into his peaceful sleep  
They wrapped him in his Shroud of death  
And gently launched him in the deep

To rest within his lonely bed  
Till heavens last trumpet shall awake  
And call from earth and sea the dead  
Their resurrection flight to take

But not without a hymn and prayer  
They laid him in his watery grave  
Those burial notes they raised with care  
To him who took back what he gave

And when the opening waves received  
And hid him from their gazing view  
With weeping hearts and eyes they grieved  
To part with one they loved so true

Let not your tears in sorrow flow  
For him who thus was called away  
He has but quit a world of woe,  
To live in realms of endless day

The gold he sought and failed to gain  
Could not have purchased certain bliss  
But he will now that wealth obtain  
Whose promised joys he can not miss

The time approaches and soon will come  
When from all earthly troubles freed  
You may rejoin him in that home  
Where death can make no bosom bleed

From that deep ocean where he lies  
Unconscious of his place of rest,  
Recalled to life he will arise  
And soar to mansions of the blessed

Let this sweet hope dry up each tear  
And turn your thoughts to that bright shore  
Where friends who are divided here  
Will meet again to part no more



May, Saturday 24,/51 at 7, A,M, left Portland for California on board the Steamer Willamett, which runs from Portland to Astoria, a beautiful Boat, a pleasant day and a good No. of passengers, at  $\frac{1}{2}$ , past 9, stopped at Fort, Vancouver, took in the mail, and then proceeded on, at 12, arrived at St. Helens, for the Mail, got aground, and lay until 4, p,m, then went on down to the Cowichan, took in several Cords of wood, and then started again for Astoria, at 8, I, retired not feeling very well, thinking I would find myself in the morning at Astoria, but at 12, in the night, the Boat ran on shore, owing to a difficulty in the tiller ropes she ran on to a large log, and was not able to get off, we were then within 25, miles of Astoria, all hands turned in and let her lay until morning, ,

Sunday 25, pleasant all hands anxious to know the position of the boat found we could not get off without taking out one wheel, , so several with my self, took hold and took apart of the wheel out, and when the tide raised, backed her out,

Monday morning, went on down to Astoria Mail steamer from Panama, arrived in fifteen, minutes after the Willamette, as soon as we came to anchor, I took hold and helped put the wheel, together again at half past seven, p,m, went on board the steamer Columbia, took forward cabin passage, paid sixty dollars, for the passage to San Francisco, ,

Tuesday 27, at eight A,M, left Astoria and started out crossed the Bar, at nine after we got out found head wind, but pleasant, at ten passed the pilot boat left the pilot, and the time passed along pleasant

Wednesday 28, pleasant wind from the south and strong, several sea sick kept in sight of land all the way enjoyed our selves very well, to day

## [CALIFORNIA AGAIN]

## SONG OF GREETING TO CALIFORNIA

Within thy Golden gate fare land,  
 A simple Child of song I stand,  
 Trembling to know if I here can find,  
 Bosoms as warm, as I left behind,  
 I've, romed ore, the wide world, far, far, away  
 And in many a clime have I wabled my lay,  
 Where, ere, I have bin, or where ere, I may bee,  
 Sweet land of my birth I've, a welcome for thee,

Welcome, for thee,

Hark! tis an echo! welcome to thee,  
 List o my soule! tis a welcome for thee,

Golden star of our flag, the brightest the best,  
 May thy light never fade land of the west,  
 May thy hills and thy valleys thire treasure unfold,  
 And thy Streams never seas to flow rivers of gold,  
 I've, onely my song and my love to bestow,  
 but deep from a warm beating heart, will they flow,  
 I ask but a smile and glad will I bee,  
 If my harp and my song are but welcome to thee,

Welcome to thee,

Hark! tis an echo! Welcome to thee,  
 List o my soule! tis a wellcome to thee

Thursday 29, pleasant and a fare wind all well to day, nothing of importance occoured, to day at ten P,M, arived in San Franciscoc fired several guns when we arived Boatman soon on board to take passangers ashore but none to go this evening

Friday 30, pleasant, went on shore quite early, the town had undergone so much of a chenge I hardly knew it found the town mostly built up again business lively and agreat many mechanics here, hearing of the fire they flocked in from all quarters, found Friend Marston in Happy Valley, went in with him to ranch with several others of my acquaintances

June 4, Schooner Mathew Vassar arived from Oregon, loaded with potatoes butter, Egges, cider &c, which I owned ashare, in, expecting it would sell well, but found the Market, full and does not sell very well,

June 10th,/51 quite an excitement in town aman caught stealing asafe with money on long wharf, caught tried by the people condemd, & hand [hanged] by the cistzens at 2 Oclock

in the morning and hung until six in the morning, the city seems to be filled up with rascals & rogues stealing robing &c,

July 11, quite an excitement to day the noted raskal and notoreous James Stuart hung to day at half past two, P,M, by the vigalence Committee, also several other victims taken be [by] Comitte, several sidny convicts sent home &c,

July 14,/51, left San Franciscoc at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past one on the sloop Chelsy Smith, for Nap City Called at Benetia at 5 oclock, passed Vallejo, at 6, anchored at, the mouth of Napa Creek, stoped all knight,

15, Becket C, Burck Curtis and my self took a boat and rowed up the Creek to Napa, arived at one P M, Comenced bourding at the American house, kept by Chapman,

16, Comenced work for Becket, on Brick Machines, at eight dollars per day Napa City is pleasantly situated at the head of naveagation on Napa Creek in Napa Valley & County of Napa about two hundred inhabitance Mostly Americans, quite a No, of spanish Ranches in the valley, and abutiful agricultural Country, alarge No of Indians in this valley, Called the digers, most of them live on spanish Ranches,

Aug 10, attendid a methodist Camp meeting about ten miles up the valley a large No of people assembled, and quite a large No of Ladies,

Aug 29, rode in the stage to Sonoma about 12 miles from Napa, this place is pleasantly situated in sonoma valley, this place was built before the Mexican war by the spanish the building are dobies covered with tiles, saw Gen Velajos Residence, &c, &c about 90, of the Oregon Rifle rigement uncle sams soldiers were stationed at sonoma saw quite a no that I was acquainted with, stoped all knight at the stage tavern kept by an Irishman

Aug 30, returnd to Napa, fineshed Becket's Brick Machines and built him a house

Sept 13 finshed work and returnd to (to) San Franciscoc by the way of Vallajo, and Benetia, rode in the stage to Benetia stoped at wallajo, the Capital of California situated about six miles from Benetia, some state buildings aregoing up business quite lively, business at Benetia quite good saw several acquaintances. took tea with Burck with



Burch and Lucas, at eight in the evening the steamer senator arrived from Sacramento at Benetia I stepped a(nd) board and come down to sand Franciscoe, arrived at half past ten, P,M, there was about five hundred on the Boat, as there is a large travel to sacramento took up my residence in happy valley again ranch out, with five other Main Boys, Marston two Faringtones Doe and Thompson, and my self

### A TRIPP TO THE MINES

San Franciscoe, Oct, 7, 1851,

Oct 7, Tuesday, at, 4, p,m, took the steamer New World,, for Sacramento in Co, with ,S,B, Marston, at, 7, arrived at Benetia stoped about fifteen minets, and then procedid on our journey, it was a butiful moon light knight, and we had apleasent tripp to Sacrement arrived at 2. Oclock, went on shore, and stoped at the Bellaunion,

Wednesday 8, we arose quite early this mornig and took awalk through the town, saw Several acquaintances, &c, this place is situated on the Sacramento river, about one hundred and fifty miles from San Franciscoe it is rather apleasant town and the country very level about, nothing of interest occured, worthy of note, Stoped all knight at the United States Hotel

Thursday 9, at, 7,, a,m, took the Stage for Jackson, distance Sixty miles passed Suters Fort about three miles from town, passed through Several mineing destricts, dry town Sutters rancherea, and arrived at Jackson at 5, p,m, fare in the stage ten dollars, Stoped at the western Exchange, , this is avery good mineing destrict, a great many miners imployed in throwing up dirt to wash when it raines as there is no water at presant,, there is quite a no, of stores in this town also several eating and drinking shops, the buildings mostly covered with cloth, , which does very well in this country, the weather is very warm, the knights are very pleasant, and no dew, many people lay on the ground with perfect Safety,

Friday Oct, 10th, 1851 this morning arose quite early after getting some breakfast, we took a promanade to the new discovered mines, about one mile distant, found quite a no, of men to work on the hill sinking holes, but one had found the Ore,, at, 2, p m, we started for Mecalumne hill at 4, cross

the mecalumne river, at 5, arived at the town, stoped at M, Bealses,. this is quite atown several thousand people in and about this town some very good buildings put up mostly for gambling and drinking this evening a man was shot and instantly killed, by a woman, both natives of Calafornia, I saw him in a few moments after he died

Saturday 11, this morning we started off to find Friend Carvil, after traveling about three miles down over the steep hills and pecepices, we arived to the place called sandy bar, on the Mecalumne river from he[re] we proceded up the rivier about one mile came to Spanish bar there we found Carvil & Jordan hulling dirt and washing, in a long tom the dirt pays four to five cts per pan the Ore fine and butiful they were in a Co, of five, and hire six men to help, them, at four dollars per day, they make from 10,\$, to one ounce, per day, we stoped until after dinner then walked to rich Gulch about four or five miles, and returned at knight and stope until next morning, saw nothing to induce me to stop in the mines at presant,

Sunday Oct, 12,/51, this morning went to mecalumne hill again, arived at 12,, this seems to be a holly day with the people auctions gambling drinking, sporting &c, and the miners senter, in from all around at one oclock Constable donho took a man for quarelling. he would not go qute as fast as he wanted him to so knocked him down and shot him, it created quite an excite ment among the miners, arope was prepared to heng the murderer, but the mob was prevailed on to have him tried bifore a jure of twelve miners, they gave him a fare trial, at a late hour the Jurie, retred, could not gree, and did not bring in a verdict, as the man was not dead he lived until the next knight.

Monday 13, this morning, we took the stage for Stockton, left at 7, Oclock first ten miles very rough and hily, and very dusty the last part of the road quit good the country level and pleasant, with the exceptions of dust arived at Stockton at five oclock, fare twelve dollars, stoped about fifteen minuts, took a passage on the steamer Sophie, for San Franciscoc, arived the 14 at 7 A,M,

Nov 7th, 1851, Comemenced raining to day and rained quite hard through the day & knight

Nov, 2, Nelson & Alfred Evans, arrived in the panamar to day,

Sunday Dec, 21, began to rain to day and continues for eight or ten days the most of the time, raises the water in the mines some what, to encourage the miners water enough to last but a few day business in town rather dull but little doing on account of the rainy season to work my self, for Mr John Merrill putting an addition to a cottage house making alterations building greenhouses &c

Jan 19th, 1852, begins with pleasant weather and business more lively still to work for Mr Merrill,

#### HOME

When in Some distant land we roam  
And left to sweet repose alone,  
What is it fills the wandering mind,  
With glowing thoughts so pure and kind  
Tis home, sweet, home,

Twas there our youthful days were spent,  
Twas there a mothers aid was lent;  
Therse knowledge we began to learn,  
And when away our thoughts will turn,  
To home, Sweet, home,

Twas there our childhood sports we had,  
Ther a mothers love on us was shed.  
There true light we first began to see;  
Then what spot on earth most dear can be,  
Than home, sweet home,















